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Timely Tidbits ...

Can/Bottle Drive

Community Assistance Foundation of the 34th District Court is sponsoring a returnable can and bottle drive to raise funds for local leukemia victim Shannon Spicer.

Returnables may be dropped off at the Romulus Police Department through October 31.

Holiday Crafts

The Romulus Recreation Department invites you to register for one or both of its holiday craft classes, to be held Wednesdays from November 6–20. Choose to make a stained-glass mosaic tray (9:30 to 11 a.m.) and/or a box decorated with pyrography, or woodburning (1 to 3 p.m.).

Classes are \$45 and \$35, respectively. Materials list available. Register early, as space is limited. Call 734-942-6852 for more info.

Crafts for Kids

Children in grades K–5 will get their creative juices flowing when they register for one or more of the Romulus Public Library's free holiday craft classes, held on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Choose from Halloween (October 26), Thanksgiving (November 23), and Christmas (December 7). To register, call 734-942-7589.

Baby Shower

Just a reminder that students from Romulus High School's parenting class are, under the direction of teacher Phyllis Wilkerson, hosting a citywide baby shower to benefit the Helping Hand Thrift Shop of Romulus, an agency that provides for needy newborns. The event will be held at the High School from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 26.

Local residents are urged to attend the event, which will feature a light luncheon, games, and more. Attendees should bring one new, unwrapped baby item for donation to the Helping Hand.

To make your reservation, contact Kathy Hurst, service-learning coordinator, at the High School (734-532-1016) by October 21. □

Wadsworth Still Seeking New Animal Shelter



Councilman Bill Wadsworth and his furry friends – (from left) former shelter animals Hannah, Charlie, Oscar, Boo Boo, and Phoebe – hope that the City of Romulus will soon build a new animal shelter. They also hope that local citizens looking for a new pet will adopt one from the Romulus Animal Shelter, rather than buy one from a pet store.

By Kristi Stephens

A longtime dream of the City's current senior councilman probably won't become a reality anytime soon.

During the Romulus City Council's October 7 meeting, Councilman Bill Wadsworth renewed his petition for a new animal shelter.

"I just feel that there's a need for this," Wadsworth stated. "Dogs and cats can't speak for themselves. I'm going to try to speak for them. And I would ask this administration to take a serious look at putting a new animal shelter over by the DPW."

According to Wadsworth, the City's current shelter is far from adequate.

"The poor facilities make it almost impossible to maintain a sanitary environment for the animals," he explained, "and the building doesn't even have a restroom for the folks that work there."

Wadsworth said that his complaints should in no way be construed as criticism of Romulus Animal Shelter Director Kim Matthews.

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\$280-million Investment To Revitalize I-94

State Representative Ray Basham (D-Taylor) has announced that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) plan to invest more than \$280 million in revitalizing Interstate 94 from Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus to downtown Detroit. The funding will be used for road improvements and beautification along the 18-mile stretch of the I-94 corridor.

"It's great to see our region getting this attention," said Basham. "We have these wonderful communities that offer so much, but that's not necessarily the impression that people get from the freeway. It really is a shame. But these enhancements will foster a much more inviting atmosphere for motorists who travel through our region."

The MEDC and MDOT will partner with Wayne County, the City of Detroit, the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Detroit business community on the I-94 beautification

program. This partnership will include approximately \$8.5 million in public- and private-sector funds that will be invested to enhance the I-94 corridor from Merriam Road to Cobo Tunnel through a series of projects.

"The I-94 corridor is the first impression that many business and leisure travelers have of Michigan," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "The beautification, enhancement, and road-improvement efforts on I-94 will ensure that their journey is as first class as the rest of the state."

The proposed road rehabilitation for I-94 in 2003 includes:

- \$1 million to resurface eastbound and westbound I-94 between Wayne Road and Beech Daly;
- \$12 million to rehabilitate and widen eastbound and westbound I-94, as well as to replace two bridges, from just east of I-275 to Wayne Road;

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.

Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. (Writers need not be afraid to include their name when asking for anonymity, since all such names are kept in the strictest confidence, regardless of whether or not the letter is published.)

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Opinions expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" column are not necessarily shared by the staff of The Romulus News.

Vote 'No' on Prop 02-1

To the voters of Michigan:

We write as experienced Democratic and Republican county clerks to urge everyone to vote "no" on Proposition 02-1, which would eliminate straight party voting as an option for voters in Michigan general elections.

For 110 years, Michigan voters have been able to choose to vote for all the candidates of one political party by pulling a single lever, punching a hole, or marking one spot in their ballot. Straight party voting is an option, a choice which a voter can use or not use as he or she sees fit.

Experts estimate that 40%—roughly 1.5 million—of Michigan's voters use this option each election. For those voters, it makes voting easier and quicker, and it makes the lines shorter for everyone else. Over the 110 years that it has been available, the straight party voting option has been used by tens of millions of voters without a complaint or problem.

The Michigan Association of County Clerks and the Council of Election Officials—bipartisan groups representing all the clerks in the state—oppose the elimination of straight party voting because it will create longer lines as well as more confusion and congestion at the polls.

Moreover, both the State Senate and State House Fiscal Agencies have concluded that eliminating straight party voting will increase the costs of administering elections to cities, townships, and counties.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote "no" on Prop 02-1 on November 5.

Daniel C. Krueger
(Ottawa County Clerk)

and
Mike Bryanton
(Ingham County Clerk)

Spokespersons for PRO-VOTERS!

UAW Seeks Support

Editor's note: The following letter concerns State Proposal 02-3, which would amend the state constitution to grant state classified employees the constitutional right to collective bargaining with binding arbitration.

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To the voters of Michigan:

State of Michigan employees are asking for binding arbitration, not the right to strike.

We have the right to arbitrate a grievance now; however, it is not unusual for human resource representatives to delay addressing the merits of the grievance until it is scheduled for arbitration. If it is settled, a cancellation fee has to be paid. If the grievance goes to arbitration and the arbitrator rules in favor of the grievant, the department delays or refuses to implement the decision given.

This costs the State more money, but it is not the Union's fault.

Binding arbitration will not cost the State more money. When the system works the way it is intended to, money will be saved.

Do not let Governor John Engler coerce you into voting no. Did he worry about the budget when legislators received a 38% raise, plus insurance benefits after retirement?

Mary Ettinger, President

State Employees' UAW Local 6000

RMA Says 'No' To Racing

Editor's note: The Romulus Ministerial Association has asked us to reprint the following letter, which was sent to Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert.

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Dear Mayor Lambert:

With great interest, members of the Romulus Ministerial Association have followed the recent proposal to bring a racetrack to the community. Needless to say, we are greatly encouraged by your opposition to any such venture.

The Romulus Ministerial Association is not anti-development. The Vining Road area is perfect for offices, retail, and restaurants. We are excited about the possibilities. Our concern is that a racetrack will seriously affect property values, disrupt the peace and quiet of our neighborhoods, and bring a type of influence that is detrimental to the moral and religious fiber of our community.

We will be in continuous prayer and active opposition to any racetrack coming to Romulus. Our prayer is that God will grant our city officials both wisdom and guidance in protecting and improving our way of life, and to preserving the uniqueness of our area.

Rev. Arthur C. Willis, President

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Guest Commentary

No Need to Apologize for *Barbershop*: Some Blacks Can Handle the Truth

by Cassandra George Sturges

To film producers Bob Teitel and George Tillman and writer Don Scott of the movie *Barbershop*: You didn't need to apologize for exploring the truth.

I saw your movie twice and I plan to see it a third time. Your movie inspired me. I felt that it illustrated the importance of community and commitment, and how diverse cultures, ideas, and beliefs are the foundation of the American society.

Barbershop explores the relationship among a diverse ethnic group of people who share the same community and decide to support each other despite their cultural differences. It's about believing in the worthiness of people regardless of their past mistakes. Ice Cube's character hires an ex-prisoner to work in his barber shop because other businesses will not give him a job due to his criminal background. Most of the barbers in the shop come from different backgrounds, each having a different point of view about life. For example, the educated, college-student black barber is envious of the white barber who has an African-American girlfriend and dresses in a manner that people consider to be "black." In the end, both characters discover that race is just an illusion of separation.

The scenes in the movie where Cedric the Entertainer's character – the cantankerous old barber – denigrates Civil Rights activist Rosa Parks, alleges that Martin Luther King, Jr., was promiscuous, disregards Jesse Jackson, and declares that Rodney King deserved his butt-kicking by the white cops are potent and genuine. Please do not delete these scenes from your movie.

So what if Martin Luther King, Jr., allegedly cheated on his wife, Coretta Scott King. There are rumors that John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton also cheated on their spouses. It is also rumored that Thomas Jefferson had an affair with his slave. Does this mean that the Constitution is rubbish? Are black leaders beyond criticism due to affirmative action? Blacks are not victims of society; we can take the praises with the criticisms. Making mistakes does not undermine the contributions that these leaders made to society.

America would not be what it is today without fearless leaders who happened to be imperfect human beings. I think that true love and respect is rooted in the truth. I can still respect and appreciate what Martin Luther King, Jr., accomplished as a leader, knowing that he was just a normal human being who chose to rise above his conditions.

I agree with the old, crusty barber. I have never been impressed by Rosa Parks's refusal to give up her seat on a city bus. During the late 1930s–1950s, my late maternal grandmother, Minnie Bell Thompson, who worked as a maid and raised seven children as a single parent, also refused to give up her seat on a city bus. She was never arrested, but she struggled every day, not one time, for her freedom and dignity. She is my hero. Harriet Tubman is also my hero. She escaped from slavery and unselfishly came back to bring 300 more slaves to freedom. Now that impresses me, but it doesn't mean that some people should not be impressed by Rosa Parks's role in the Civil Rights movement. We have a right, as African-American citizens, to select who we choose to admire and revere.

For the record: Yes, I believe that O.J. Simpson was guilty of murder. However, I also feel that Mr. Simpson is living proof that America has changed drastically from the days of Jim Crow laws. He is proof that money and social status transcend racial barriers, and before the legal system is perfected, a few who are guilty will slip through the cracks. But let us not forget that Emmett Till, a young black male, was hung for whistling at a white woman not too long ago. And Jesse Jackson, a married reverend who is supposed to be the epitome of morality and ethical behavior, was recently discovered having an affair and fathered a child outside his marriage. Are African Americans supposed to blindly follow his value system? Are these outraged black leaders afraid that we may see them only for their hypocrisy and not their efforts?

If black people are looking for perfection in their leaders and heroes, they should stick to reading comic books. Paper heroes do not wrestle with human frailties.

Bob Teitel, George Tillman, and Don Scott, I wish you had never apologized for your excellent work of authenticity and integrity that you displayed in the movie *Barbershop*. Your movie preached the importance of loving, respecting, and accepting each other as human beings, regardless of our flaws and shortcomings. You should be rewarded for your honesty. Some blacks can handle the truth. Your apology is not accepted by this African-American woman because you guys did nothing wrong.

Editor's note: The "Guest Commentary" column is open to all responsible individuals and spokespersons. For more information, call 734-941-1907. □

Romulus High School Seniors Spark Eagles Football Team



Putting a spark into the recently improving Romulus High School Eagles varsity football team are the following seniors (from left): front – Ryan Boyd, Rashaud Best, Chris Middlebrooks, Jason Watson, Brandon Dawson, Erick Hemmingway, Ron Ford, and Curtis Jackson; back – Andrew Rodger, Andrew Blankenship, Schlay Wooden, Maurice Webb, Leo Williams, John Jenkins, Ryan Hawkins, and David Kinney.

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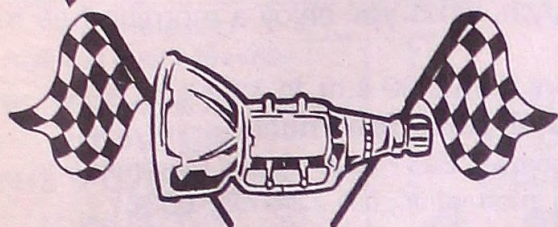
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Each Thursday evening after practice, mothers of Romulus High School's football players prepare a special pasta dinner for the varsity team. The weekly dinner program also features inspirational speakers to help the team get ready for their Friday evening games. For example, the Reverend Rita Talley read a Walter Payton story on overcoming adversity at the dinner held prior to the Eagles' 14-7 victory over Dearborn High School. Here, football players Erick Hemmingway (left) and Leo Williams are nourished by the good dishes and good wishes of parents (from left) Rita Talley, Celeste Roscoe, Irene Sandusky, Ellen Bragg, Aileen Mosby, and Sherry Jackson.

Parents, Teachers, Business Leaders Volunteer for Cleanup

Representatives from the Hilton Garden Inn recently joined a group of parents and teachers from Romulus Elementary School to clear away broken tree limbs, brush, and high grasses in an area around old Black Creek. The group hopes to install a retaining pond at the

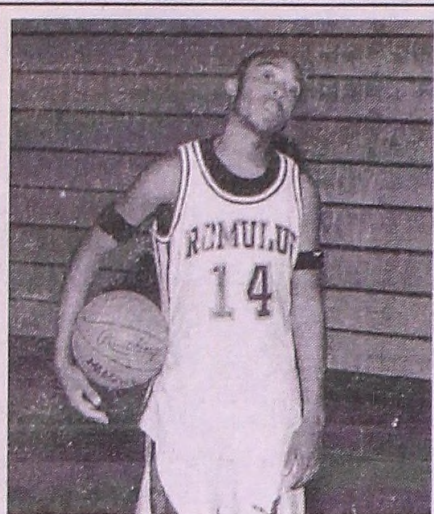
site, located on the school's south lawn, and create a specialized science learning area there.

This environmental project is one of two organized in the district thus far in recognition of National Make-A-Difference Day. □



(From left) Terry Kozack (lunch aide), Sandy Slater (fifth-grade teacher), Bill Baum (physical-education teacher), Marjie McNally (fourth-grade teacher), Rick Zavitz (parent), Pia Chasney (third-grade teacher), Deborah Brubaker (first-grade teacher), Kim Dasher (sales director for Hilton Garden Inn), Sara Jelsomemo (catering director for Hilton Garden Inn), Wesley Faulkner (fifth-grade teacher), and Dan McNally (parent).

Justin Smith Holds Court in France and Switzerland



Justin Smith

By Steve Jones

The selection process was one of the toughest that Romulus High School student and talented basketball player Justin Smith had ever been through. At the end of the selection process, the choice was clear: Smith would be taking a trip of a lifetime – all expenses paid – to France and Switzerland.

Smith was one of over twenty young basketball players selected by People-To-People International to represent the United States at international basketball competitions held in Switzerland. People-To-People is a grass-roots organization that has, for several decades, recruited kids from across America to act as summer sports ambassadors representing America in countries around the world.

"It was a little hard to believe I was going, even when I got to the airport," said Smith. "But then I got on the plane to France, and six hours in the air made me realize: 'Hey, this is real!'"

Smith, himself seventeen, was joined by teammates ranging from seventeen to twenty-one years old and coming from California, Oklahoma, and New Jersey.

"The team practiced in Paris, France," said Smith. "Practice usually started at six in the morning, which is pretty early anywhere in the world. When practice was over, we usually got out to eat and sight-see, including the Eiffel Tower. We even got to see Lance Armstrong compete in the Tour de France."

Smith had nothing but praise for his coaches and teammates.

"We knew why we were there and we knew what got us there," he said. "The coaching staff was tough, fair, and a lot of fun. They believed in us as a team and as individuals. They believed we could be better than even we sometimes thought was possible. The coaches brought our level of play up, sometimes by making us run six different plays in a practice. There were times during practice when I thought, 'This play'll never

work.' But when we got to the competition in Switzerland, we'd run the play and the other teams didn't know what hit them."

The competitions in Switzerland against teams from Italy, the Czech Republic, and other European countries began as Smith could not have imagined they would.

"It was like the Olympics," he explained. "Each country would parade out, holding their flag, and walk around the gymnasium. They would play a recording of that country's national anthem. Our team's coach looked at me and said, 'Justin, you're carrying the flag.' I was nervous, but you do what coach says."

"It was amazing. As I carried the flag and our team walked out, the people in the stands stood up and started clapping and singing our national anthem! You know a lot of them didn't know English – but they were standing and singing our anthem. I don't know what I was feeling when that happened, but it was deeper and prouder than anything I've ever felt."

Not only was Smith honored with carrying the flag, but he was also, at the end of the Swiss competitions, voted MVP (most valuable player) by his teammates and the coaching staff. Smith also represented the city well, handing out Romulus Pumpkin Festival T-shirts and plastic Romulus Police Department badges to the officials and residents of the European cities he visited.

Not bad for a young man who began life with serious health problems resulting in years of speech therapy.

"He's overcome a lot," said Priscilla Jordan, Smith's mother. "The doctors at Wayne State University really didn't hold out much hope for Justin ever fully recovering from the seizures he used to have as a child. But he has and he's accomplished so much. We're very proud of him."

Smith's father, Steve Smith, agrees.

"Romulus has a lot of talented young people," said Steve. "Like Justin, all they need is hope, encouragement, and opportunity. They also need parents, teachers, and a community that will help them take advantage of those opportunities as they come along."

Smith isn't the only family member who has displayed real talent both on and off the basketball court. His younger sister, showing both musical and basketball flair, is ready to follow in her older brother's footsteps – and make her own footsteps as well.

Asked if he would encourage his sister to pursue dribbling, passing, and shooting on the basketball courts of Europe, Smith responded, "Definitely. It was a great experience, and I'd do it again in a heartbeat." □



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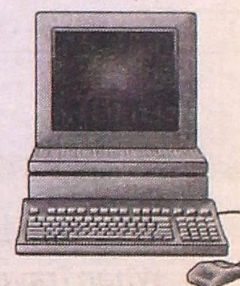
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"Basketball Jones" Visits Halecreek



"Basketball Jones" visited Halecreek Elementary recently to encourage kids to try out basic skills – and deliver a positive motivational message in the process.

Merriman Hosts "Muffins for Moms"



A large crowd – including (from left) Gerry Golden, Janice Forsythe, Tina Hayes, and Tyler Hayes – attended Merriman Elementary School's recent "Muffins for Moms" program. Principal Shellie Moore said she enjoyed the opportunity to meet or renew acquaintances with so many parents.

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Health Awareness

Editor's note: In this issue, "the little paper" will begin an episodic column called "Health Awareness." Articles appearing in the column will be written by students from Romulus High School teacher Terri Brinston's health-occupa-

tions classes. Hopefully, the chance to publish an article will encourage the students to sharpen their writing skills, and also give them the opportunity to share some of the knowledge they are acquiring.

"Healthier Babies Month"

by Megan Hatcher, health occupations student, Romulus High School

October is "The National Campaign for Healthier Babies Month." This campaign is sponsored by the March of Dimes. The program is run and operated by volunteers, educators, outreach workers, advocates, and March of Dimes researchers.

The goals of the campaign and the March of Dimes are:

- to give all babies a chance at a healthy life,
- to raise money for research,
- to provide parental education for new parents,
- to provide prenatal care for pregnant women.

I have learned many things in my Health Occupations class that relate to this observation. A few of these things are:

- to take care of your body,
- to take care of your mental health as well as your physical health,
- to care for others,
- to educate others.

I personally feel very strongly about this observation because one day I hope to become a neonatal nurse. This observation goes hand-in-hand with this profession because neonatal nurses care for premature babies on a daily basis. My life's goal is to care for infants and teach new mothers how to care for them. □

"Healthy Lung Month"

by Brendalee Finley, health occupations student, Romulus High School

When you can't breathe, nothing else matters. The mission of the American Lung Association (ALA) is to prevent lung disease and promote lung health.

Healthy Lung Month is a way to inform and educate the public about the impact and prevention of lung diseases. The ALA is going around to public schools to make students aware of different lung diseases. One lung disease that many students have is asthma. The ALA gets a chance to educate the students on ways to prevent asthma.

The American Lung Association is the sponsor of Healthy Lung Month. The ALA is a voluntary health organization in the U.S. It has been fighting lung diseases for 90 years. It was founded in 1904; its goal in 1904 was to fight tuberculosis. However, today the ALA's goal is to fight a variety of lung diseases. Donations and contributions support ALA activities.

The ALA funds programs to attain more research. The areas of research that the ALA explores include asthma, tobacco control, and environmental health. In the area of asthma, they designed a program for elementary students called "Open Airway." This program teaches chil-

dren with asthma how to control it. For tobacco control, the ALA sponsors "Smoke-free," which is a program on preventing teens from smoking. They also developed TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use). The last area of concern is environmental health. Air pollution causes lung disease. The ALA is trying to make concerns regarding air pollution known.

I believe that Healthy Lung Month is a great idea. To live, we must be able to breathe. Also, there are ways for people to prevent themselves from developing lung diseases, and it's a good idea to let individuals know how to protect themselves. Healthy Lung Month will also alert individuals who are using tobacco products to stop.

The observation of Healthy Lung Month is closely related to health occupations. In class, we discussed a whole chapter about the process of our lungs. Our lungs are where gases are exchanged. When we inhale oxygen, it's infused into the bloodstream and distributed to the organs. When we exhale, we dispose of carbon dioxide. The lungs play multiple roles which are a supplier of oxygen, remover of wastes and toxins, and remover of hostile intruders such as pollen, dust, viruses, and bacteria.

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RHS Homecoming



Billy McCraight (left), president of the Romulus Board of Education, greeted Mayor Alan R. Lambert – a former Board president – during the lineup for the annual Romulus High School Homecoming Parade.



Among the district VIPs who took part in the event were (from left) trustee Ken Mientkiewicz, trustee Celeste Roscoe, president Billy McCraight, superintendent Joel R. Carr, and vice-president Betty Lenossi.



Serving as the Grand Marshal of the Romulus High School Homecoming Parade was Gail Coleman, a local resident who taught in the district for more than three decades and also coached girls' volleyball for a number of years before retiring last June.



With lively members like (from left) Amanda Brewington, Julia Deshazor, Katie Bolus, Hilary Kozma, Taritonye Burutolu, Chris Anderson, Patrick Webb, Chris Berry, Andrew Boyd, and Shera Williams, it's no wonder that the senior class won the Spirit Jug.



Preparing to take part in the parade were Romulus High School varsity cheerleaders (from left): front – Ebony Coleman, Jessica Shelton, and Lysie Ransaw; back – Vanessa Malloy, Sara Cholette, and Carolyn Moore.



Also riding in the parade were Romulus Middle School cheerleaders (from left) Shakita Wilson, Sarah Berger, Carmen Collie, Ryan Norfleet, Alyssia McVay, LaRhonda Colvin, and Rashanda Graham.

RHS Homecoming



The Romulus Middle School Band didn't seem to mind braving the rain to entertain the crowd.



The Romulus High School Marching Eagles also put on a dazzling performance.



In keeping with this year's "Cartoon Rivals" theme, the junior class of 2004 created a "Sylvester & Tweety" float.



The sophomore class of 2005's Homecoming Parade float entry featured cartoon heroes Bullwinkle and Rocky.



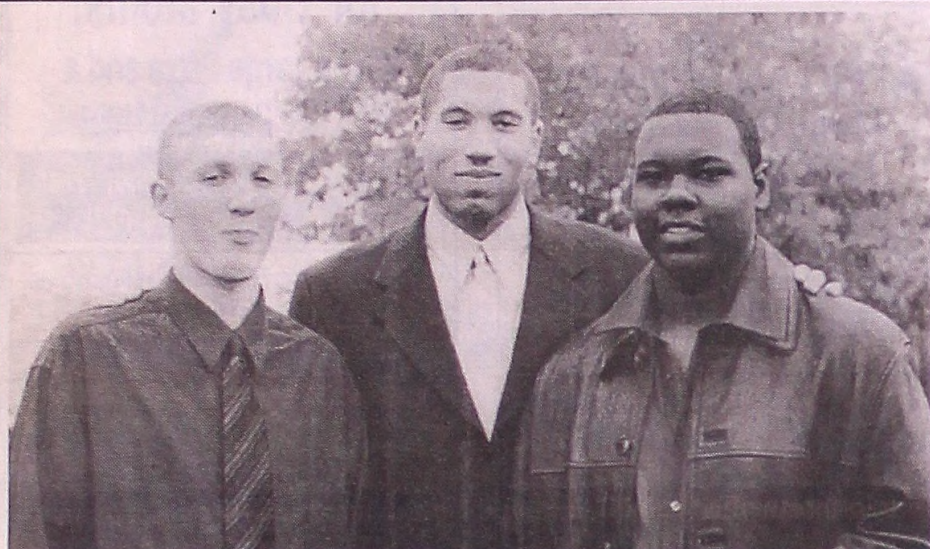
The freshmen class of 2006 chose to depict the more modern rivalry between SpongeBob SquarePants and Squidward.



The winning float – featuring Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote – was the entry from the senior class of 2003.

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RHS Homecoming



Among the King's Court members from the senior class were (from left) Mark Woody, Ronald Buckley, and Jesse Patterson. (Not pictured: Rashaud Best, Ryan Boyd, and Jason Watson.)



Queen's Court members from the senior class were (from left) MiQui Spencer, Briana Smith, Demequa Poole, Bethany Hotchkiss, Della Hamby, and Meghan Conway.



Court member Bethany Hotchkiss (center) was supported by her older sisters, Eastern Michigan University students Erin Hotchkiss (right) and Susan Sherbrook.



Princesses were (from left) Shaepree Lee (junior), LaBritney Franklin (freshman), and Danielle Butler (sophomore). (Princes were junior Terry Harper, sophomore Phil Roscoe, and freshman Adam Davis.)



Halftime ceremonies included the announcement of the 2002 Queen and King: Della Hamby and Ryan Boyd.



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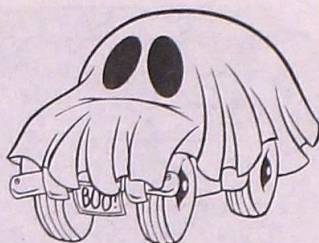
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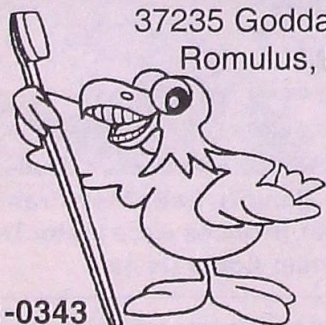
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- Trick-or-Treat before dark.
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- Visit homes that you know & that have the porch light on.
- A face mask may obstruct your vision; use makeup instead.
- Accept your treats at the door & never go into a stranger's house.
- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, & be seen.
- Plan your Trick-or-Treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lit.
- Trick-or-Treat with a parent, older brother, sister, or friends. Never travel alone.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- Walk, slither, & sneak on sidewalks; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Keep away from open fires & candles. (Keep in mind that costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. Don't eat candy if the package is open.
- Look LEFT, RIGHT, then LEFT AGAIN before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, & low-flying brooms. Cross *only* at corners.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (Remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, & brooms, too!)

FOR PARENTS

- Your child should know his/her phone number & address.
- Dress children in shoes that fit. Large-size shoes make it easier to trip & fall.
- Limit the use of "weapons" as part of the costume. If you allow a weapon, be sure it is soft & flexible.
- When you inspect the treats, be sure they have not been tampered with & are safely sealed. Be careful with fruit, as punctures are easily missed.



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LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

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4	5	6	
7	8	9	
10	11	12	
13	14	15	
16	17	18	
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25	26	27	
28	29	30	
31	32	33	
34	35	36	

DEFINITIONS

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|---|---|
| 1. Belonging to those people | 19. One who makes, founds, or originates |
| 2. Grows weary | 20. Dangle this in front of someone's nose to induce a desired behavior |
| 3. Gentle slope | 21. Thespian |
| 4. Diatribe | 22. Jimmy Hoffa was one of these |
| 5. Attempted | 23. Is of significance or importance |
| 6. Stress exerted on a body by gravitational attraction | 24. Brook or rivulet |
| 7. Sell small quantities of goods directly to consumers | 25. Stamen's pollen-bearing part |
| 8. Incensed; furious | 26. Central or innermost part |
| 9. Lachrymal gland's secretion | 27. Feel intense hostility toward |
| 10. Stand which supports the notes of a public speaker | 28. Soft felt hat |
| 11. Occurring immediately before the present | 29. Regard with deep affection |
| 12. Gain admission to | 30. Course or path |
| 13. Sacred text of Islam | 31. Caveat |
| 14. Give a particular order to | 32. Film genre for Arnold or Jean Claude |
| 15. Pro-gun group | 33. Refreshing, restorative drink |
| 16. Marvel or prodigy | 34. Drink of Roman or Greek gods |
| 17. Male bee | 35. Give solicitous attention to someone's wants or needs |
| 18. Actor Bruce or his actress daughter Laura | 36. 4,840 square yards |

For solution, see page 16

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "COSTUME"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in **COSTUME**? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang, hyphenated words, contractions, foreign words, and plurals formed with an "s" are not permitted. Only one form of a verb may be used.

Our list of 24 words can be found on page 16

Wadsworth Seeks New Animal Shelter

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"As far as I'm concerned, she does a 21st-century job in a building that may as well be from the 18th century," he said.

Wadsworth believes that the ideal site for a new shelter is the area adjacent to the new Department of Public Works building.

"We already own the property there, and the fact that there are no residents in the immediate area means that there would be no problems with noise or smell," he noted.

Although he concedes that a new facility could cost \$250,000 or more, Wadsworth is convinced that the funds could be found.

"For instance," he maintained, "the \$500,000 that we paid to Wayne County for 'our share' of the work done on Eureka Road – a payment that I voted against, by the way – would have covered the cost nicely."

Wadsworth said he knows that Mayor Alan R. Lambert has been faced with many challenges since he took office, but is disappointed that nearly a year has brought no movement toward building a new animal shelter.

"I can understand that this budget was the first budget, and there were difficult things that had to be done in this budget ... but as we now leave 2002 and

head into 2003, I think there's gonna have to be a serious look at this if we really intend to be a, quote, city on the move," Wadsworth told the Mayor. "We can't go into 2000 and have a building that was built back in the '40s."

In a phone interview after the meeting, Mayor Lambert said that he sympathizes with Wadsworth's desire for a new shelter, but doesn't see how the City can afford one at this time.

"Sure, I wish we could build one. I'm an animal-lover, too," said Lambert. "I have every intention of building one – when we have the money. But, right now, I have to focus on things that are more important, like police and fire services and paying our bills. Considering the state of the economy and the fact that the airport parking tax money is still in the air, I have to set my priorities, tough as they may be."

Still, Wadsworth refuses to give up hope.

"Of course I wouldn't want our emergency services to suffer because of this project, but I believe that other alternatives exist," he said. "I've been pushing for this for years – through several administrations, in fact – and I'm not going to stop now. This is something that our residents really need, and it deserves to become a top priority." □

\$280-million Investment To Revitalize I-94

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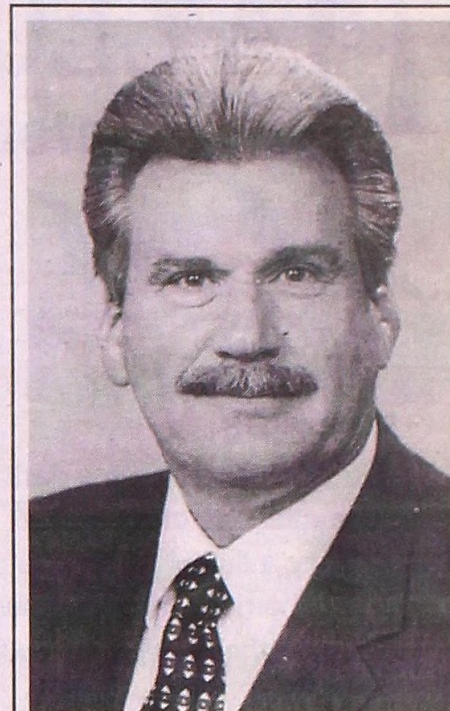
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- \$11 million to resurface eastbound and westbound I-94 between Wyoming and the I-96 interchange in Detroit.

The beautification of the I-94 corridor will be performed through a series of four projects. These projects include the improvement of natural landscape features through plantings, lighting enhancements, aesthetic bridge structures, and creative barriers utilizing landscaping rather than concrete. The first project is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2003, with an estimated completion date of the summer of 2004 for the final project.

According to Basham, Wayne County has agreed to contribute \$200,000 annually to support a special maintenance fund that will commence in 2005 in support of the I-94 project.

"As a former Taylor city councilman, I know how much these enhancement projects mean to the communities along this corridor," Representative Basham said. "Besides their beauty and safety



Ray Basham

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- Lifeguard experience is preferred

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- Must possess a current American Red Cross Michigan Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certificate*
- Must possess a current American Red Cross First Aid Card*
- Must be a capable swimmer and be competent in lifeguarding techniques
- Must have the ability to work independently
- Must have the ability to communicate harmoniously with students, staff, and the community

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RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide lifeguarding in instructional and open swim situations for grades K-12 and the community
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- Deal tactfully and courteously with the public
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- Perform water, rescue, standard first-aid, and CPR procedures and techniques
- Assist physically handicapped persons into and out of the pool
- Perform all other duties as assigned

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Romulus Middle School Honors October "Students of the Month"



Romulus Middle School principal Melvin Kimbrough was pleased to recognize October's "Student of the Month" award-winners (from left): front – Steve Hawes, Chiara Snook, Jackie VanMeer, Mariay Watt, Desirea Yates, and Heather Baval; middle – Jamal Sam, Reggie Pratt, Tranay Tanner, Janeice Johnson, Jackie Logan, Ashley Gondek, and Elijah White; back – Martinez Nelson, Dakota Watson, Tanisha Keaton, Tiffany McGhee, Mercedes Mattox, and Lindsey Hines.



Among those who attended the Middle School's recent "Student of the Month" recognition ceremony were the Johnson family's two sets of twins (from left): Joya, Jackie, Janeice, and Jennifer.

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ANSWERS

answers to puzzles from page 13

LEAPFROG:

- 1) theirs; 2) tires; 3) rise
- 4) tirade; 5) tried; 6) tide
- 7) retail; 8) irate; 9) tear
- 10) lectern; 11) recent; 12) enter
- 13) Koran; 14) rank; 15) NRA
- 16) wonder; 17) drone; 18) Dern
- 19) creator; 20) carrot; 21) actor
- 22) Teamster; 23) matters; 24) stream
- 25) anther; 26) heart; 27) hate
- 28) fedora; 29) adore; 30) road
- 31) caution; 32) action; 33) tonic
- 34) nectar; 35) cater; 36) acre

"Halloween fun / trick or treat"

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "COSTUME":

come, cost, cote, cute, most, mote, move, muse,
must, mute, oust, scum, sect, smut, some, stem,
suet, sumo, tome, comet, mouse, scout, smote,
custom

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REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 23, 2002, at Merriman Elementary School, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Billy McCraight.

Roll call showed all Board members present. Administrators Mr. Joel R. Carr, Mr. Tom Dolan, and Mr. William A. Routhier were present. Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President McCraight.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

9/02/9 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

9/02/10 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2002, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Schools, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval:

EMPLOYMENT: Jessica Ash, Kindergarten Teacher, Halecreek Elementary School and Merriman Elementary School, Effective September 11, 2002; Debra Brubaker, First-grade Teacher, Romulus Elementary School, Effective September 19, 2002; Laurie Painter, P.M. Kindergarten Teacher (part-time position), Romulus Elementary School, Effective September 18, 2002; and Shawn Shiven, Social Studies Teacher, High School, Effective August 26, 2002.

FYI – EMPLOYMENT: Angela Cosma, Headstart Asst. Cook, High School, Effective September 20, 2002; Holly DeLeon, French Fryer and General Utility Person, High School, Effective September 13, 2002; Tracy Eddings, Cafeteria I and Breakfast Server, Merriman Elementary School, Effective September 13, 2002.

Bills for Payment

9/02/11 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Construction Update

Mr. Kevin Waldeman appeared before the Board with a construction update.

Tennis Court and Walking Tracks – Award of Bids

9/02/12 Moved by Lenossi supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve Al's Asphalt for their bid of \$124,141.00 for the installation of Romulus Middle School's tennis court and, in addition, approve Wayne Asphalt for their bid of \$56,500.00 for the installation of walking tracks at Barth, Cory, Halecreek, and Merriman elementaries. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Cedar Point Trip – Wick Elementary – May 31, 2003

9/02/13 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education approve a Field Trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky, Ohio, for May 31, 2003, for Wick Elementary School. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Climate Committee Presentation – Climate Committee – Jeffery Royal

Ms. Jeffery Royal, Mr. Doug Hoffman, Ms. Chris Powers, Ms. Sandy McDonald, Ms. Sue Mitchell, Ms. Shirley Lamberson, Ms. Rhonda McAllister, and Officer Shelby appeared before the Board of Education relative to the Climate Committee initiatives.

Report from Board Members – Governor's Summit

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz and Mrs. Celeste Roscoe reported on the Governor's Summit attended by them and Superintendent Joel R. Carr on September 18, 2002, in Lansing, Michigan. This year's topic was No Child Left Behind and a 1,200-page bill which has a lot of discrepancies in it.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mrs. Debbie Dick asked about the status of security systems being installed. Mrs. Dawn Smith addressed concern over procedures for students for stormy weather, i.e. access to buildings and/or buses. Mr. Phillip Renke addressed the Board of Education relative to televising Board meetings.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Newsletter – Middle School; 2) Michigan State Board of Education – Forum; 3) National Affiliate Communication; 4) Welcome Back Communication – Kathy Hurst; 5) REA Representative – Council Information; and 6) Communication – Sheila Stasak – Parent Night, October 9.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz said that the athletic field looks good and questioned a possible leak at the High School. Mrs. Cheryle Buckley remarked that the Soccer Field was great but requested that the district provide benches for athletes and bleachers for the audience. Mrs. Betty Lenossi reminded the Board of the parent meeting as communicated by Sheila Stasak for October 9, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT:

9/02/13 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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Community Calendar

- **Halloween Festival** – Wayne County's Department of Parks and Recreation is hosting a Halloween Festival at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, at the Hines Park-Nankin Mills Area in Westland. The free event will feature games, entertainment, hayrides, candy, and fun. For more information about this or other County recreation events, call the hotline: 734-261-1990.
- **Immunization Clinics at RAHC** – Romulus Community Schools nurse Laura Ralko is reminding district parents that sixth-graders will be required to have their health records reassessed and could require additional vaccinations in order to meet the stringent new Michigan Department of Health regulations. To help parents comply with this and other immunization requirements, the district is scheduling two immunization clinics at the Romulus Adolescent Health Center, located in Romulus High School. (See the advertisement on page 7 for more information about the RAHC.) The clinics will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, and Thursday, October 24. Note: this year's district-wide "exclusion date" is October 23.
- **Kentuckians of Michigan To Host Bluegrass Show** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will host the next in its ongoing series of bluegrass shows at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) on Friday, October 25, from 7 to 11 p.m. Featured artist will be Wendy Smith. Admission is \$6 per person. For more information, call 734-782-0132.
- **Rummage Sale at St. Paul** – St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend its upcoming rummage sale. The event is set for Friday, October 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, October 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Artists' Studio Tour** – On Saturday, October 26, from noon until 5 p.m., six local artists will open their homes and studios to the public. The free tour will welcome anyone interested in seeing where artists work and create their art. Tour participants will also have an opportunity to purchase art and hand-crafted items – just in time for Christmas shopping! Flyers and maps are available at several local businesses and at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce office, located at 248 Main Street.
- **Board of Education to Meet at Romulus Elementary** – In keeping with its decision to take half of its meetings to the community, the Romulus Board of Education will hold its October 28 meeting at Romulus Elementary School. Among the agenda items will be a presentation on technology, conducted by Linda Cook and Diane Golka. Start time is 6:30 p.m.
- **Flyers Conduct Annual Membership Meeting** – The annual membership meeting for the Romulus Athletic Club "Flyers" will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, October 28, at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins). All card-carrying members are encouraged to attend.
- **Students Host Blood Drive** – Second-year health-occupations students at Romulus High School are organizing a blood drive with the American Red Cross, and have established a goal of 65 pints of blood. To help them meet that goal, they are asking members of the community to take part in the event, which will be held at the High School on Friday, November 1. To make an appointment, pick up a donation card in the High School attendance office or contact health-occupations teacher Terri Brinston (734-532-1112).
- **Crafters Wanted** – New Faith Chapel (19498 Middlebelt, Romulus) is looking for crafters interested in participating in its 4th Annual Craft Show, to be held on Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Karen Feldt (734-753-2630) or Pat Munro (734-941-3933).
- **GED Classes, Testing** – Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education offers GED preparation classes at several locations during both day and evening hours in Romulus, Belleville, Sumpter, and Taylor. Classes meet twice weekly for four hours each session, and are taught by experienced teachers in comfortable, adult-oriented environments. If you feel ready for the eight-hour GED test, you can pay the \$100 test fee and take the test without taking the class. Adult Education is giving the test six times during November and December at their center on Hannan Road. Register now for day, evening, or Saturday testing sessions. You must be at least 18 years old to take the test. GED testing accommodations are available for eligible individuals with physical or learning disabilities. For details, call Adult Ed at 734-532-1953.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

Win Round-trip Airline Tickets for Two

Southwest Airlines and Wayne County have teamed up once more to help seniors reunite with their loved ones during the holiday season. Since its inception in 1979, the "Home for the Holidays" program has enabled thousands of seniors to visit with family and friends.

Last year, 26 seniors throughout Wayne County received free tickets. Seniors' relatives and friends were also given free airfare to accompany the winners as traveling companions.

"We all understand how important it is to stay in touch with family and friends, and Southwest Airlines has again offered a way for seniors to be reunited with their loved ones," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

Seniors can apply to receive the complimentary airline tickets to visit with their family and friends during the holidays by calling Janet Ford of the Wayne County Senior Citizens Services office (734-727-7371). The deadline for applications is Monday, October 21.

Southwest Airlines officials review the applications and select recipients based on need. Seniors must be 65 years of age or older, live on a fixed income, and demonstrate an economic need. Applications are being distributed by City of Detroit and Wayne County Nutrition Services to all congregate and home-delivered Meals on Wheels recipients. Outreach is made to all identifiable senior groups.

"For more than two decades, Southwest Airlines has generously offered these free tickets to seniors," McNamara said. "We want to make sure every senior who wants to travel hears about this program."

Ticket validation is from December 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003.

Winners will be announced in November, and tickets will be distributed at a luncheon hosted by Wayne County Executive McNamara.

Bowlers Needed

The Senior Center's Monday-morning bowling league is in need of bowlers and substitutes. For more information, contact Mary at 734-721-3708.

Halloween Party

The Senior Center's annual Halloween party will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 25. The devilishly delicious menu will include monster meatballs, spooky spuds, vampire veggies, ghoulish gelatin, and witch's brew. Special attractions will include a hayride, magic show, and costume contest, with competition in the categories of most colorful, funniest, and favorite character (must be a costume; dressing as yourself doesn't count!).

Cost for the event is \$5.50 per person. Costume-clad seniors will receive a \$1.50 rebate. Preregister at the Center.

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens.

They include:

- Ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.), and
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

Annual Commodities Registration

The Romulus Senior Center will begin accepting registrations for the Commodities surplus-food program in November. To register, an applicant must be a resident of Romulus and have proof of income. (This is *not* a seniors-only program.) Those currently enrolled in the program will need to re-enroll for the upcoming year.

Commodities are distributed on the third Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, October 21, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Vision Screening

The National Eye Institute will be conducting a vision screening at the Romulus Senior Center on Thursday, October 24, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. If you are planning to attend, please let the Center know in advance to insure that the program will not be canceled due to lack of interest. □



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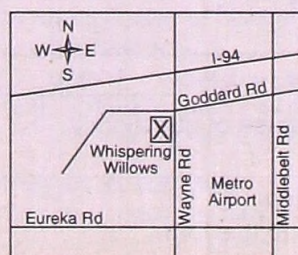
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Obituaries

James E. Bates



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Betty and Kathrun; and one brother, John.

James was born on December 21, 1939. He and his wife Barbara both grew up in Romulus and attended Romulus High School, where they were among the first class (1958) to graduate from the new (at that time) high school on Wayne Road. The high-school sweethearts were reunited a few years later and married in Las Vegas.

Among James' many loves were his wife, all of his children and grandchildren, fishing, coon hunting (he was a member of the Wayne County Coon-hunters' Association in Romulus), and dog racing. He was a devoted employee of the Ford Motor Company, where he worked for 30 years before his retirement. At that time, he and Barbara began making the most of life, taking trips and enjoying time with their children and grandchildren even more than they had in the past.

He will always be remembered for his jokes and pranks.

James passed away at home from lung and bone cancer. With the help of Hospice, his wife, and his children, he has left his pain behind and awaits his loved ones in a much better place. Until they are reunited, his family will miss his smiling face and wonderful laugh. He will be forever in their hearts.

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Alyssa Elizabeth Staten



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Eric Staten and Nicole Johnson of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Alyssa Elizabeth Staten.

Alyssa was born in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI) at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2002, weighing in at 9 pounds, 4 ounces, and measuring 19½ inches.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into her new family were paternal grandparents Dennis and Lisa Staten and maternal grandparents Fred and Janice Hale (all of Romulus).

John Eric Graham

John Eric Graham of Atlanta, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2002, at Otsego Memorial Hospital. He was 45 years old.

Eric—a former resident of Romulus, Michigan—was born on December 9, 1956, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, the son of John and Donna (Woods) Graham.

He is survived by his daughter, Erica

Graham; his mother, Donna Gavin (Atlanta); a grandfather, Clyde Woods (Northport, MI); and three brothers, Paul Gavin (Atlanta), Mark Gavin (Atlanta), and Matthew (Barbara) Gavin (Wayne, MI). He also leaves behind nieces and nephews Tara, Christina, Ashley, Matthew, Rachel, Joel, Katie, Trint, and Travis Gavin.

David J. Welch

David J. Welch of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, October 1, 2002, at the age of 44.

The former General Motors-Willow Run Plant employee (1976-1987) was born in Wayne, Michigan, on March 7, 1958.

David is survived by his parents, Ernest and Hester (Hagger) Welch (Romulus); three daughters, Shanna Swisher (Taylor, MI), Brandie Hall (Romulus), and Mandie Grishaber (Romulus); a brother, Eugene Welch (Romulus); two sisters, Lucille (Glen) Hensley

(Cookeville, TN) and Rosalie (Dave) Hays (Tecumseh, MI); four grandchildren, Cayce Swisher, Dora Swisher, Cierra Pierce, and River Grishaber; and one grandchild who's "on the way." Predeceasing him were a sister, Nancy Welch, and a grandson, Brandon Pierce.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 5, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Timothy A. Ammon (Hope Baptist Church, Romulus) officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

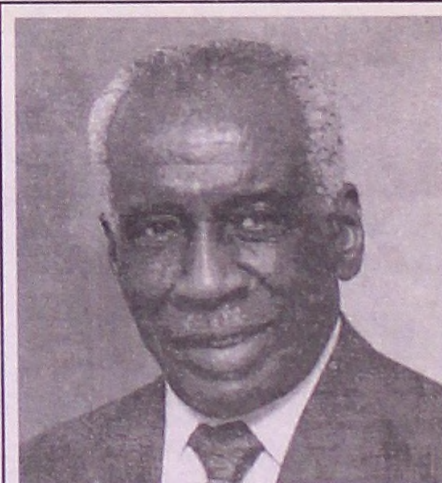
Odell H. Wooden Jr.

Odell H. Wooden Jr. passed away on Friday, September 6, 2002, at the age of 84.

The longtime resident of Romulus, Michigan, was born on July 16, 1918.

To cherish his loving memory, Odell leaves three sons, Ezell (Virginia), Clifford Sr. (Louise), and Odell III, and five daughters, Charleszetta, Evelyn, Dorothy, Annetta, and Rendell.

He also leaves two brothers, Lovell (Earsie) Wooden Sr. and Curtis Wooden Sr.; twenty-seven grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. □



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